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SUBJECT: LOS - POSSIBLE MARITIME POLLUTION CONFERENCE

1. "ON JULY 22 AND 23 I MET WITH FOLLOWING OFFICIAL OF SAO PAULO STATE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH MARINE POLLUTION CONTROL: STATE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT DR. FERNANDO DE BARROS; EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CARLOS CELSO, OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL COMPANY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION (COMPANHIA DE TECNOLOGICA DE SANEAMENTO AMBIENTAL--CETESB); AND CETESB RESEARCH DIRECTOR DR. IVANILDO HESPANHOL. DURING COURSE OF MEETING CETESB OFFICIALS SOUGHT COOPERATION IN OBTAINING U.S. TECHNOLOGY AND RESULTS OF U.S. RESEARCH IN AREA OF MARINE POLLUTION CONTROL. OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT THE BRAZILIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, HAS DEVELOPED A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AND IS FINALLY READY TO ABSORB TECHNIQUES OF POLLUTION CONTROL ALREADY DEvised BY OTHER COUNTRIES.

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2. "WE EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION CONTROL SPONSORED BY BRAZIL WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT BY THE U.S. OR JOINTLY SPONSORED BY BOTH COUNTRIES. SUCH A CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD POSSIBLE IN RIO, WOULD FOCUS BRAZILIAN ATTENTION ON THE POLLUTION ISSUE, FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNIQUES

THROUGH PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS, AND INVOLVE ALL NATIONS
HAVING NEW TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES TO DISCUSS.

3. "FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW, COOPERATION WITH BRAZIL ON
A NEUTRAL SUBJECT LIKE MARINE POLLUTION COULD HAVE
INDIRECT BENEFITS FOR U.S.-BRAZILIAN RELATIONSHIP. THIS
POTENTIAL MIGHT BE ENHANCED BY COLLABORATION ON A
CONFERENCE. ANY APPROACH ON A CONFERENCE WOULD CREATE
NEED AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCE COORDINATION WITH
THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL ENTITIES, SUCH AS THE BRAZILIAN
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE MINISTRY OF THE
NAVY AND THE MARITIME COMMISSION IN THE MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORT.

4. "AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN
COOPERATION ON MARINE ENVIRONMENT COULD HAVE THE FURTHER
ADVANTAGE OF OPENING A WAY TOWARD DEVELOPING SUPPORT
FROM BRAZILIAN SCIENTISTS FOR OUR POSITION ON MARINE
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. I HINTED AT THIS AS A POSSIBLE
QUID PRO QUO.

5. "ACTION REQUESTED: IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE UPON
MY RETURN AN OUTLINE OF PAST COOPERATION BETWEEN
CETESB/GOB ON ONE HAND AND THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEC-
TION AGENCY (EPA) ON THE OTHER. CONRAD KLEVENO OF EPA
IS AWARE OF PAST COLLABORATION, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPA-
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TION OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN LIMITING DAMAGE OF
OIL SPILLS IN BRAZILIAN WATERS." CHRISTOPHER

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